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REMARKS

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1. On 20 November 1953, the Treitschke Kaserne in Leipzig was occupied by about 300 to 400 troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. Troops engaged in athletic exercises. Motor vehicles left the installation toward Lindenthal, loaded with construction material

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2. On 20 November, the Train Kaserne was occupied by about 400 to 500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with motor transport insignia. No training activity was noticed during the period of observation.

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3. On 20 November, the Hindenburg Kaserne was occupied by about 400 troops who wore black-bordered blue epaulets including some with air force insignia. No training activity was noticed.

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4. On 20 November, the quarters north of the garrison hospital quartered about 300 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with motor transport insignia.

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5. On 20 November, the Kaserne in Leipzig-Heiterblick was occupied by about 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank insignia. About 25 soldiers engaged in infantry training on the training site southeast of the installation. Truck driving practice was intensive. Truck

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6. On 20 November, the Flak Kaserne in Leipzig-Schoenau was occupied by about 1,100 to 1,200 troops. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia and, some, with artillery insignia. No training activity was noticed inside the installation. About 70 men constructed field positions on the training grounds. Other soldiers constructed obstacles, watch towers and bunkers in the area west of Lindenau. Motor vehicles and armored personnel carrier were in traffic to and from the Flak Kaserne.

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7. On 28 November, the Flak Kaserne in Leipzig-Schöpau was occupied by about 600 to 700 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery, motor transport and tank insignia. On 12 November, soldiers constructed a grenade court and, on 13 November, 2 x 132-mm rocket launchers and 30 trucks parked in front of the garages. On 15 and 21 November, armored personnel carriers [redacted] entered the installation. On 20 November, about 50 soldiers were seen digging trenches and, on 25 November, about 140 soldiers were seen at aiming practice, field training with 2 light mortars and digging trenches. On 28 November, AAA firing was heard from the direction of Leuna. [redacted] 25X1

8. On 25 November, the Treitschke Kaserne was occupied by troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets and by a dog kennel. On 8 November, 80 soldiers marched into the installation and about 60 soldiers engaged in close-order drill. Truck [redacted] was parked in the yard. [redacted] 25X1

9. On 25 November, the Train Kaserne was occupied by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. On 13 November, about 20 soldiers marched into the installation. [redacted] 1

10. On 25 November, no training activity was noticed in the barracks installation in Leipzig-Heiterblick. A T-34 tank and 2 armored personnel carriers were seen in the billeting area. Soldiers practiced with side-car motorcycles in the training area. [redacted] 3

11. [redacted] all officers and physicians of the garrison hospital would be transferred back to the USSR, and [redacted] most of the officers had already packed. However, the order was cancelled and those officers already under way were called back. The officers will have their families from the USSR join them. Schools will be established Colonel Shilak (phonetic spelling) (fmu) was promoted to the rank of major general and, allegedly, reassigned to the general staff in Moscow. Nothing could be determined regarding the successor. [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] Senior Lieutenant Kirushkin (phonetic spelling) was presumably employed in the administration of the hospital. The number of about 35 German employees at the hospitals was to be brought up to 185. [redacted] 5

1. [redacted] 25X1

2. Comment. A motor transport unit or medical unit is presumably quartered in this section. [redacted]

3. Comment. [redacted] the occupation of the barracks installation has apparently not changed. [redacted] 25X1

4. Comment. The statements on weapons [redacted] are indications that the 94th Gds RL Regt of the XXIX Gds Mts Rifle Corps and the 19th Gds Mts Regt of the 8th Gds Mts Div are stationed there. The unidentified medium AAA regiment of the 13th AAA Div which is also carried there has for a long time not been confirmed by the observation of AA guns. However [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] the regiment can still be carried as stationed in Leipzig. [redacted]

5. Comment. According to other reports [redacted] the term of service for Soviet officers in the Soviet Zone of Germany has been prolonged from 3 to 5 years. [redacted]

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